Direct train between Howrah and Varanasi

514. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI. Will the Minister of RAIL WAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chief Minister of West Bengal have written to the Central Government for a direct train service between Howrah and Varanasi; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA). (a) Yea, Sir.

(b) In view of 17 pairs of trains available between Howrah anj Vara-nasd/Mughalsarai, the proposal has noVbeen found feasible.

-Railway Coach Building factory fct North Bengal

515. SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM: WU1 the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state.

(a) whether a Railway Coach Building factory is proposed to be set up in North Bengal;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c). if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No,

(b) Doeg not arise:

(c) The indigenous coach building capacity in the country at present is 1553 coaches. It is proposed to in-crease the capacity at Integral Coach Factory Madras from 900 coaches in 1&87-88 to 1000 in, 1988-89 onwards. Rail Coach Factory Kapurthala has * an ultimate capacity of 1000 coachea With these capacities available and planned, no further increase in coach building capacity is contemplated.

Discontinuance of Indira Vikas Patra

516. SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL: Will the Minister of. COM MUNICATIONS be Pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the collection of amount through Indira Gandhi Patra has heen discontinued;

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(b) if so, what atfe the reason* therefor; and

(c) what is the amount collected up-til now through Indira «Vikas Patra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): fa) No, Sir. The collection of amount through Indira Vikas Patras has not been discontinued.

(b) The question does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) As per the information available so far, the amount collected! through the sale of Indira Vikas Patra upto 31-3-1987 is Rs. 828, 81, 42 (. ousards).

Cranes for Kandla Port Trust

517. SHRI D. B^ CHANDRE GOW DA; Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be Pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that the Kandla Po^t Triist has not yet receiv ed the delivery of waies -'or which orders were placed with M/s. WMI Cranes Limited;

(b) if so, the detail, thereof inclu ding the date of placing orders with delivery date stipulated in the con tract;

. (c) whether it is also a fact that the company had delayed the delivery to other port trust authorities; and